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1. The following report is a synopsis of a circular prepared by Luis Reinoso, a leader of the Communist Party of Chile, for the guidance of Party leaders. Only highly trusted Party members received copies of the circular, and they were instructed to read it carefully and then destroy it immediately. In the circular, Reinoso reviewed decisions, plans, and the latest secret instructions formulated by the Party's Political Commission at a recent meeting. The meeting had been called expressly to adopt organizational methods for implementing the Party line, as it was set forth in the pamphlet entitled "La Lucha por la Paz es la Lucha por el Pan, la Libertad, y la Independencia Nacional" ("The Struggle for Peace is the Struggle for Bread, Liberty, and National Independence.") This pamphlet was issued about two years ago, and is being used as a guide to current political policy.
2. The Political Commission report first outlined serious Party organizational defects which have been retarding the Party's progress.
 - a. Lack of collective effort has been due in many cases to improper organization of the cells, some of which have no directors to carry out instructions.
 - b. The farm element, although increasingly important, has been too much ignored by the Party. Where farm cells exist, they have not been integrated with industrial and street cells.
 - c. Sectarianism has seriously impeded the progress of all Party activities, such as the struggle against repressive laws, against Americanization, high prices, and high taxes. Sectarianism has had a particularly harmful effect on the efforts to achieve labor unity.
3. The Political Commission feels that such defects can be completely overcome, and that the Party can move forward from its present organization, which has been reduced to a "hard-core" membership, to double the present membership. The recruiting of new members is to be the order of the day, and must be carried out through concrete, precise plans worked out regionally. The cells must screen individual prospects carefully, and should emphasize the recruitment of leaders of the masses rather than of followers. Constant care should be taken to avoid penetration by enemy groups.

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4. The pamphlet points out that at present there are many widely dispersed groups fighting alone and rather uselessly for seemingly different causes in behalf of the masses. Upon careful study these causes will be seen to be the same ones for which the Communist Party has always fought, and for which it must now act as a rallying point. The Party must start by strengthening its cells and by forming new ones. The Political Commission puts a special emphasis on the industrial cells, since they are the ones to carry the Communist line to the working class. However, all types of cells must become active.
5. Another of the Party's more pressing problems is the need for raising the political and ideological level of regional and local directorates, which could in turn create schools for educating the masses in Communist ideology. There are a few such schools now, principally in Santiago, but they must be formed in every province, capital, and important center. The Political Commission is deeply concerned over Party vulnerability to imperialist, anti-Communist propaganda, as well as to enemy agent penetration. The masses must be made to learn more about their adversaries and about such groups as those responsible for the monthly bulletin, El Comunista Chileno, which attacks the international orientation of the Party.
6. A revamped and revitalized propaganda program is another major task in the Party's newest expansion plans. Every group and every individual must concentrate on propaganda. The campaign should be adapted to local conditions but should fall into three general categories. First, there should be meetings of all kinds, large and small, from clandestine discussion groups to public meetings and demonstrations. The effectiveness of printed propaganda will also be stressed. The third medium, mural propaganda, will take advantage of the well-proved wall-painting, picture-plastering method. The Party will take advantage of the cases of all victims of government policies. They will be used to illustrate the evils growing out of the Law of Defense of Democracy and government anti-inflation policies, which are called mere pretexts to combatting inflation, and which are actually meant only to reduce still further the standard of living of the Chilean people.
7. Of primary importance and closely connected with all other Party activities is the proper financing of the Party. The Political Commission states in the confidential pamphlet that the Party must not be satisfied with lowering expenses to the point where they can be covered by present revenues, but it must make an effort to stimulate financial support so that all necessary activities may be carried on adequately. Party leadership cannot continue to live on starvation-level salaries, since even professional revolutionists must have sufficient means to dress and live adequately. The Party must work to assure regular payment of dues by all members; to maintain a net of sympathizers who will give generous contributions periodically; and to hold mass collection campaigns, festivals, athletic events, artistic entertainments, and raffles so that the man in the street will be contributing to the support of the Party.
8. The Party also plans to increase its political activity in the belief that it has underestimated its own electoral potential. An effort is to be made to register the masses for voting, with special attention being given to registering women voters. Each militant member is charged with seeing that his friends and family are registered, and each must fight for the restoration of those names removed from the electoral register under the Law of Defense of Democracy.
9. The Communist women's organizations must work for stronger provincial and local women's movements, and must take full advantage of the materials put at their disposal by the Comite de Unidad Femenina, in order to be most effective in their fight.
10. The Communist youth group, Juventud Comunista, which has shown by its pro-peace work that it is capable of complying with Central Committee directives, must become more forceful in the recruitment of young farmer, worker, and student groups. It must show its ability to act independently, as well as in accordance with Central Committee directives, and it must be organized so that its units may be shifted as a whole into leading Party roles in an emergency.
11. In summing up, the pamphlet noted that the Party had been much too liberal with the bad and worthless elements within its ranks. This was principally due to a lack of emphasis on Commissions of Control and Discipline, which in many cases do not exist. The Party must guard itself against penetrating agents, and must be more vigilant in its ideological control.

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